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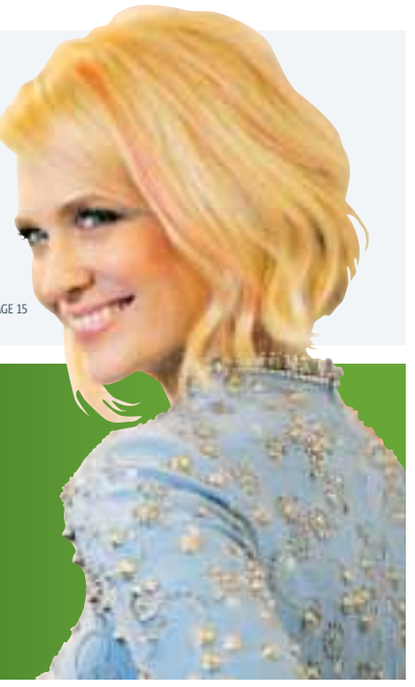

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Jack found guilty of hen theft

In session. Youngsters get a glimpse into court system at Law Day Open House

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A 12-year-old young offender accused of a spree of thefts — including that of a hen purportedly able to lay golden eggs — was found guilty on two of four charges at a rare weekend trial held Sunday.

The trial of Jack and the Beanstalk was one of 12 mock trials acted out by elementary and high school students as part of the 19th annual Law Day Open House at the Law Courts Complex.

"Law Day is a great chance to come down and learn a bit more about how our system works," said Manitoba Justice Minister Andrew Swan, who sat as judge for Jack V. Beanstalk.

Students from Luxton School acted as crown attorneys, defense lawyers, witnesses, court clerks and even the accused during the hour-long court case.

"It's an amazing process," said the student's teacher Sandy Bissoon, noting the kids spent more than two-weeks preparing for the case.

"The children not only learn about the way of the court ... they learn how to put the case together."

Law Day Open House, sponsored by the Manitoba Bar Association and the Manitoba Department of Justice, attracts as many as 1,500 visitors every year according to bar association executive director Stacy Nagle.

The day included tours of the building, debates by senior high school students, and question and answer sessions.

The event is held in courts across Canada to celebrate the anniversary of the enactment of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which officially turns 30 years old on Tuesday.

Luxton School students, from left, Carly Peters, Eden Roy, Malcolm Reimer and Annie Johnston, acted as witnesses in a mock trial held as part of Law Day Open House on Sunday. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Balancing the books

Strained by last year's floods and the economy, the province is set to table a challenging budget Tuesday, as it struggles to balance a $1-billion deficit without a tax hike or cuts PAGE 2

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Super-fan suits up for playoffs

Canucks super-fan Towel Power Man Dave Preece can hardly walk down the street wearing his snazzy new suit jacket without someone stopping to take a picture of him as his Canucks super-fan alter-ego. Watch Towel Power Man in action at metronews.ca

May the odd be ever in your favour

The Hunger Games has been dominating the box office for weeks, so it's no surprise parodies of the blockbuster film are popping up all over YouTube. Check out The Hipster Games at metronews.ca

Mobile news

The terror trial of a man who confessed to killing 77 people in Norway starts Monday amid worries he will use the proceedings to spout his radical views. Scan the code for the story

Nairn Avenue blocked off while crews douse burning van

A City of Winnipeg cube van was gutted by fire on Thursday. The incident blocked part of Nairn Avenue between Watt and Allan Streets as emergency crews dealt with the blaze, which took place at about 9:30 p.m. The firefighting crew was there within minutes, as Winnipeg Fire Station No. 2 is located at the corner of Archibald Street and Nairn Avenue. The cause of the blaze has not been released. HOWARD WONG/FOR METRO

Budget to mix cuts and spending: NDP

Big budget. Tuesday's financial blueprint will be strained by floods and the economy

The province is set to table one of its most challenging budgets in recent memory on Tuesday as it struggles to balance a $1-billion deficit and "strategic" spending rises without drastically hiking taxes or making deep spending cuts.

Looming is also a self-imposed deadline by the NDP government to balance the books by 2014. Finance Minister Stan Struthers said Manitoba is facing "uncertain times" and this year's budget will reflect that.

"We've been trying to work our way through a global economic downturn," he said. "We've had unprecedented floods in Manitoba, a lot of uncertainty coming out of the federal budget. They've held our transfer payments at no increase for several years now."

Manitoba's deficit has ballooned to double what the province projected, thanks in part to last year's massive flood and increased spending. Flooding costs were expected to come in at about $800 million, although half of that is expected to be covered by the federal disaster assistance program.

The NDP is also spending some $93 million more on families and public safety. This comes at a time when core government revenue is about $42 million lower than budgeted, according to December's fiscal update.

But this doesn't mean the NDP is going to stop spending altogether, Struthers said.

"What our approach will be with Budget 2012 is to protect the things that matter most to Manitobans — health care, education, skills training, infrastructure — you'll see us stepping up and protecting those sorts of things."

Struthers would not specify exactly where the spending cuts will come from or what areas are less of a priority to Manitobans.

"Restraint will be part of the message that we send out, but not just restraint for the sake of restraint. We need to restrain spending so we can focus on Manitoba's priorities," he said. "We believe we do have some opportunity to reduce administrative spending."

Conservative Leader Hugh McFadyen said he hopes the government will be "upfront about the scale of the challenge" facing the province. Slow growth combined with the crippling deficit will require some tough decisions that McFadyen said the NDP isn't prepared to make.

Public-sector salaries should also come under the microscope, McFadyen said.

"I'm not optimistic that this government has the will to do it," he said. "It involves tough discussions with public-sector unions who played a large role in the (NDP) re-election campaign. For that reason, I'm not optimistic that they're prepared to sit down and have the tough negotiations required to reduce costs along those lines."

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Rough weekend. Stabbings have cops looking for perps

Two weekend stabbings put three people in hospital and have Winnipeg police searching for suspects.

Officers were called to the corner of Princess Street and Bannatyne Avenue at about 1:45 a.m. Sunday after a stabbing outside the Republic Nightclub. A 20-year-old man was taken to hospital in unstable condition but was upgraded to stable. Another man, 24, was treated in hospital for head wounds.

Const. Rob Carver said the pair were asked to leave the nightclub, and there were a large number of people outside. He added the incident did not appear to be gang-related but did not elaborate.

Meanwhile, police said they were notified of a separate stabbing on Maryland Street near Ellice Avenue just before 5 a.m. on Sunday. A woman, 33, was stabbed in the leg after she and a female friend were confronted by two women demanding the contents of their pockets. The victim was taken to hospital in stable condition.

Police are searching for an aboriginal woman, 150 pounds, wearing a black hoodie and armed with a hunting knife. She appeared to be in her early 30s. Police are also looking for a large woman, in her mid-30s, wearing a grey hoodie and carrying a silver folding knife.

Tape is cleared up at the scene of a stabbing in the Exchange District on Sunday. HOWARD WONG/FOR METRO

Two other assaults sent two more people to hospital. A 36-year-old man was beat up in the 1400 block of Notre Dame Avenue at about 2:30 a.m. on Sunday. He is in guarded condition in hospital after being transported in critical condition.

And a 27-year-old woman was taken to hospital at about 3:30 a.m. on Sunday after she was assaulted on St. Matthews Avenue. She was in unstable condition after a serious upper body injury, but has been upgraded to stable. Police are searching for two men and a woman in that assault.

ELISHA DACEY/METRO

Major crime

Arrest made in homicide

Police have made an arrest in Winnipeg's latest homicide.

Officers found Michael Charles Parker, 33, injured in a parking lot near the Thriftlodge Manor in the 1300 block of Notre Dame Avenue shortly after 11:30 p.m. on Thursday. He was taken to hospital in critical condition but later died. Police haven't said how Parker was killed.

Shane Kenneth Pruden, 40, of Winnipeg, is charged with second-degree murder.

The homicide is Winnipeg's 12th of this year. The WPS Homicide Unit continues to investigate and anyone with information is asked to call detectives at 986-6508 or Crime Stoppers at 786-TIPS.

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Markers at the scene on Friday morning. ELISHA DACEY/METRO

Good Friday slaying

Elmwood murder suspect in custody

A 17-year-old Winnipegger faces a second-degree murder charge in the Good Friday killing in Elmwood Park.

The arrest comes a week after Corey Berry, 50, was found in the park at Henderson Highway and Harbison Avenue West. Police say he was approached by an unknown male and, in what police believe was an attempted robbery, Berry was physically assaulted and received injuries to his upper body. The suspect fled.

Const. Natalie Aitken said there is no evidence to suggest Berry's murder was a hate crime, as reported earlier. "I don't have anything to substantiate this being investigated as a hate-crime incident," she said.

The teenage suspect was identified by the Homicide Unit and taken into custody on Thursday. He is being held at the Manitoba Youth Centre.

BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Corey Berry died in Elmwood Park. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

David Bergen

Local author snags an IMPAC nom

Winnipeg author David Bergen has made the short list for the International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award, one of the world's most lucrative book prizes.

Bergen's novel, The Matter with Morris, (HarperCollins Canada) is the only Canadian title in the running this year, which awards 100,000 British pounds (about C$159,000) to the winner.

Organizers say the short list of 10 titles was chosen from 147 books nominated by public library systems in 45 countries.

The IMPAC prize is billed as "the world's most valuable annual literary award for a single work of fiction published in English."

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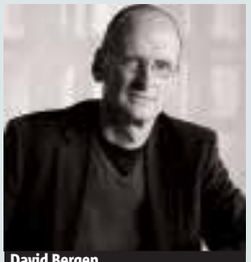

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Wildlife

Celebrity bear cub Makoon to be released

The Manitoba government has decided a rescued bear cub nicknamed Makoon will released back into the wild in June.

James Duncan with the province's wildlife branch says officials discussed the fate of the black bear with animal experts and determined he could be rehabilitated and released.

He says the animal will remain at the Assiniboine Park Zoo in Winnipeg for another seven or eight weeks.

Officials will then release the cub in a remote location of the province to boost its chances of survival.

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Makoon. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Oak Park Raiders head to the Irish gridiron

Trip abroad. No word if the football team will try a little 'football' while overseas

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The Oak Park Raiders will be playing one of their first exhibition games of the football season in Ireland.

"In 25 years of coaching high school football, I don't know any team who has gone overseas to play football," said head coach Stuart Nixon.

As one of Canada's top 25 high school football programs, the Raiders received an invitation to the Global Ireland Football Tournament (GIFT) and were the first to show interest.

"It's an exhibition game like we would always have. A pre-season game in preparation for the upcoming season, but in Ireland," said Nixon.

The Raiders will battle Villanova College from King City, near Toronto, playing Canadian football on an American football field across the Atlantic Ocean.

"It's a once in a lifetime opportunity, that's all you can really say," Grade 11 Oak Park student and Raiders safety Braedy Will told Metro.

Nixon said 36 players have signed up to go but are still trying to get more sponsorship. They will be in Ireland from August 25 to September 3.

The football team will head to events in the communities around Dublin, and will partake in some cultural touring. They are especially excited to see the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame take on the Midshipmen of the Naval Academy, said Nixon.

Oak Park were defeated only once in 2011 and reached the final of the Winnipeg High School Football League ANAVETS Bowl for the third year in a row as defending champions.

The Raiders were defeated by the St. Paul's Crusaders.

Head coach Stuart Nixon, right, with Raiders football players Braedy Will and Eric Koskie.
ALYSSA MCDONALD/FOR METRO

Manitoba forest

'Peg hoods great places to be

Two of Winnipeg's most recognizable neighbourhoods are finalists in the Great Places in Canada contest, put on by the Canadian Institute of Planners.

St. Boniface and Osborne Village were shortlisted in the great neighbourhoods category. Osborne was also nominated as a street.

"We slogged through last summer with all the construction ... but it doesn't put a damper on the spirit of the Village," said Susan McCain, executive director of Osborne Village BIZ.

The Forks took top prize last year in the public space category. Residents say St. Boniface's location next to the historical meeting place is a huge draw.

"People like the proximately to downtown and The Forks without being so central," said Oai Truong, chair of the Provencher Boulevard Biz and life-long resident of Saint Boniface.

Only 21 streets, neighbourhoods and public spaces were chosen by a panel of professional planners from 90 nominations.

The judges pick, as well as the People's Choice awards, will be announced on April 30.

ALYSSA MCDONALD/FOR METRO

#mikeproposes, she says yes

Mike Duerksen and his now-fiance, Janelle Freed, during their day together Friday. MIKE DUERKSON'S INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT

A Winnipeg man who decided to live-tweet his proposal to his girlfriend got more than he bargained for when his tweeting went viral around the city.

Nevertheless, just after 8:30 p.m. Friday evening, Mike Duerksen got the answer he was hoping for — a resounding yes from his girlfriend, Janelle Freed.

"I'm such a privileged man," Duerksen tweeted, and introduced the hashtag #mikecelebrates after live-tweeting all day under the hashtag #mikeproposes.

Even though the weather was wet and rainy, Duerksen kept to his original plan of mostly outside dates, including the most important last one around a bonfire.

"I hope it doesn't rain. I don't have a Plan B," Duerksen told Metro as he snuck away from his girlfriend to make the call from St. Andrew's walk and dam.

Duerksen decided to live-tweet his proposal as a way to keep his friends involved in the process. He said he had no idea how fast it would blow up, even to the point where his girlfriend noticed him on his phone. ALYSSA MCDONALD/FOR METRO WITH FILES FROM BERNICE PONTANILLA

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Drugs. Reserve speaks out against addiction

Item number nine in the letter to members of the Cat Lake reserve from the children in Grade 6 is as blunt as it is painful.

"It hurts us and shoomis and kokum (grandpa and grandma) when you're doing drugs and you're not at home."

Northern Ontario's Cat Lake is the epicentre of prescription drug addiction in Canada. Community leaders figure that between 70 and 80 per cent of the adults are hooked on OxyContin or Percocets.

Governments and local health authorities are slowly gearing up to deal with the runaway addiction that has slammed communities across the country, but especially First Nations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Exclusively online

To read the letter, go to metronews.ca

Prostitution. Secret Service scandal slammed

A Secret Service scandal involving prostitutes in Colombia that has overshadowed U.S. President Barack Obama's diplomatic mission in Latin America probably isn't an isolated incident, a leading House Republican said Sunday.

California Rep. Darrell Issa, chairman of a House investigative panel, said he wasn't certain whether Congress would hold hearings on the misconduct.

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Strained relations

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Eleven Secret Service employees are on administrative leave for misconduct and five service members assigned to work with the agency are confined to quarters amid allegations that a group of personnel partied with prostitutes before Obama arrived in Colombia for the weekend summit with Latin American leaders.

Belfast looks back on Titanic with mixture of sorrow and pride

Centennial. Cities on both sides of the Atlantic commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the sinking of ship

As the 1912 disaster was commemorated around the world, the city that built the vessel — Belfast, Northern Ireland — looked back on the tragic sinking of Titanic with a distinctive mixture of sorrow and pride.

In the North Atlantic, passengers lined the decks of the MS Balmoral, a cruise ship that has been retracing the route of the doomed voyage, as the ship stopped early Sunday at the spot where the Titanic went down in the early hours of April 15, 1912.

Another cruise ship, Journey, which travelled from New York, also held a service at the site, about 650 kilometres off the coast of Newfoundland.

A century on, events around the globe marked a tragedy that retains its grip on the world's imagination.

Remembrance

People in Halifax gathered at a local cemetery Sunday to pay their respects to the victims of the Titanic sinking on the centennial of the disaster.

- One hundred and twenty-one people aboard the ill-fated ship were buried at Fairview Lawn Cemetery in Halifax.
- Twenty-nine others are buried at other cemeteries in the city.

In Belfast, a memorial monument was unveiled Sunday at a ceremony attended by local dignitaries, relatives of the dead and explorer Robert Ballard, who discovered the wreck of the Titanic on the ocean floor in 1985.

Remembrance ceremonies were also being held in the ship's departure port of Southampton, southern England — home to hundreds of Titanic crew who perished — and in Halifax, where about 150 victims of the tragedy are buried.

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Distant relatives of people who died on the Titanic disaster lay wreaths at the Titanic Memorial Plaque during the service at Belfast City Hall, Northern Ireland, Sunday. PETER MORRISON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Casualties

Al-Qaida strikes in Yemen

Yemeni military officials say al-Qaida fighters trying to take control of a key southern town launched two attacks on residents, leaving a total of seven people dead, including two al-Qaida militants.

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Corruption charges

Iraqi PM criticized for detentions

Two Iraqi election officials facing corruption charges said Sunday they have been released on bail after a three-day detention that they said was designed to pressure the independent electoral body.

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Scathing attack

NDP slams Tories on food inspection

The Harper government's cuts to public service jobs are putting Canadians at risk, NDP Leader Tom Mulcair said, lashing out at the Conservatives for cutting food inspectors after people died from tainted meats.

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Uniquely Canadian

Signatures on the Charter fading

The papermakers chose the finest Manitoba flax, but nobody thought about the pens used to sign the Charter of Rights and Freedoms — the signatures that brought it into force are at risk of fading.

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The world in photos

1 Suicide bomber. Examining remains

An Afghan man examines the remains of a car after three suicide bombers were killed before they reached Jalalabad airport in Afghanistan on Sunday. The Taliban launched a series of coordinated attacks on at least seven sites. RAHMAT GUL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2 Salute. Jong-un gives first speech

North Korean leader Kim Jong-un salutes during a mass military parade in Pyongyang to celebrate 100 years since the birth of the late North Korean founder Kim Il Sung on Sunday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/KYODO NEWS

3 Birthday. Benedict XVI turns 85

Pope Benedict XVI greets the faithful during the Regina Coeli prayer from his studio's window overlooking St. Peter's square at the Vatican, Sunday.

GREGORIO BORGIA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4 Arrested. Activists' fly-in protest

Left wing Israeli activists are arrested by Israeli police as they demonstrate in favour of the 'Welcome to Palestine' fly-in protest on Sunday at the Ben Gurion Air Port near Tel Aviv, Israel. URIEL SINAI/GETTY IMAGES

5 French campaign. Sarkozy arrives

France's President and candidate for re-election, Nicolas Sarkozy, shakes hands as he arrives for a Paris campaign meeting, Sunday. MICHEL EULER, POOL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Five dead as twisters cut a swath across U.S.

Over 100 tornadoes. Midwest and Plains states affected; hundreds of thousands without electricity; storm weakening

More than 100 tornadoes were reported across the U.S. Midwest and Plains states, leaving at least five dead in Oklahoma and hundreds of thousands of families without electricity.

Residents searched through damaged homes Sunday for anything they could salvage. Emergency crews, meanwhile, were trying to repair downed power lines.

The National Weather Service said the storm systems were weakening and that additional tornadoes were unlikely. But forecasters warned that strong thunderstorms were expected as far east as Michigan.

Five people were killed and more than two dozen were injured when a suspected tornado ripped through a mobile home park in Woodward, Oklahoma.

Streets in the town were left dotted with mangled vehicles. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Very strong system

The storms were part of an exceptionally strong system that the Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Oklahoma had warned about for days.

- **The centre warned people more than 24 hours in advance of a possible "high-end, life-threatening event."**
- **The centre said the weather service had received at least 120 reports of tornadoes by dawn Sunday.**
- **They warned the threat wasn't over for those across several states in the U.S. interior.**

Workers survey the damage to a 20-metre-tall Ferris wheel following a tornado that swept through east Wichita. MIKE HUTMACHER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The 'Tornado Hunter'

Saskatchewan resident offers eyewitness account

As extreme weather continues to hit the Midwestern United States, Saskatchewan resident Greg Johnson, known as the Tornado Hunter, is on the ground documenting the ordeal.

Speaking with Metro from Des Moines, Iowa, Johnson said this chase has been a lucky one.

"In Kansas we were really fortunate that the tornadoes that we were chasing … didn't hit populated areas," said Johnson.

"So we didn't come across any of that mayhem that went on later in the evening at Wichita and unfortunately the five deaths at Woodward, Oklahoma."

Johnson said these chases affirm that Canada isn't prepared for a tornado.

"The work we're doing now pays dividends and helps people build an awareness about tornadoes and severe weather."

He says this work in the U.S. will pay dividends when he gets back to Canada.

In several states in the U.S. interior, the threat isn't fully over, but the storm has weakened and officials say additional tornadoes are unlikely.

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Chris Streeks, a member of Greg Johnson's tornado hunting team.
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Buying from a box. Retail kiosks gain momentum

A growing number of retailers are installing automated kiosks in the corners of their stores, hoping to drive product sales for DVD rentals or even iPads in a space once reserved for dust bunnies and trash bins.

It's a trend that's gaining momentum in Canada after several years of success in the United States, where everything from soap to live bait has been sold out of the automated dispensers.

Canadian businesses are taking a more conservative approach, choosing consumer favourites like DVD rentals to test the market, but creators of the kiosks are optimistic that this is just the start.

In Canada, all of the kiosk operators are private companies, so their revenues aren't made public, which makes it tough to determine whether Canadians are adopting the concept en masse. According to a report from Convergence Consulting Group, kiosks are just two per cent of the market in Canada.

Canadian Tire briefly tested the market with a handful of kiosks that sold clothing and accessories from its Mark's stores. One was placed at the highly trafficked Union Station transit hub in downtown Toronto, generating plenty of attention. But the kiosk didn't catch on and the retailer decided to retire the pilot project. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market Minute

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Latin America splits with Canada, U.S. on Cuba

Summit. Allowing Cuba to participate may undercut democratic gains in the hemisphere, experts argue

Foreign policy

- The Conservative government is trying to revitalize its five-year-old Americas Strategy, a policy of focused engagement in the region.
- Harper will fly to Santiago at the close of the summit for an official visit to Chile.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper came to the Summit of the Americas with the goal of bolstering ties with the booming region, but left Sunday on a discordant note because of his government's stance on Cuba's participation.

Canada and the United States stood alone in balking at an agreement to allow Cuba to attend future summits. That disagreement, and a lack of consensus on backing Argentina's claim to the Falkland Islands, scuppered a final declaration from the 31 participating nations.

Even the summit host, Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos, declared it to be "unacceptable" that Cuba not attend the next meeting three years from now. Other major players, such as Argentina and Brazil, have echoed the sentiment.

Harper emphasized that Canada has reached out to Cuba, and does not agree with the American embargo of the country. But he said Canada is sticking with the summit principles that state that members must be democracies — an idea that originated under Liberal prime minister Jean Chretien during the Quebec City summit of 2001.

"While we don't support the position of isolating Cuba, we do believe that the Summit of the Americas should be restricted to democratic countries, and that Cuba should be encouraged to come as a democratic country in the future... and it's our contention that the Canadian policy is the way to get that kind of result rather than the policy pursued by our American friends," Harper told reporters.

What happens next is unclear. Santos said there would be a discussion on Cuba's participation at the summit three years from now, scheduled for Panama. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Prime Minister Stephen Harper arrives for the second day of meetings at the sixth Summit of the Americas in Cartagena, Colombia, on Sunday.
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TORRENT OF HYPE, TRICKLE OF DETAILS

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Winnipeg has been struck by water park fever.

For some, the symptoms include an irresistible urge to pull the Wet Banana out of the garage.

For others, it's uncontrollable rage over the city giving $7 million in public money to a privately owned facility at The Forks.

And for others still, it's an overwhelming sense of confusion about what's actually going on here.

Unfortunately, that last group seems to include city council.

We're now a couple of weeks into this proposal — and nearly eight years into the mayor's quest for a water park — and there are still way more questions than answers.

What will the facility look like?

How much will it charge for admission?

How much new property tax revenue will be generated?

Did anyone else want to buy that piece of land?

And — the quintessential Winnipeg question — where will everyone park their cars?

Do you love water parks?

"(There) clearly isn't a plan, not yet anyway. Instead, what's been put before council this month is essentially a grade school note saying: 'Do you love water parks? Check yes or no.'"

The public doesn't know the answers to these questions. City councillors don't know. The company building the park doesn't even know.

Yet a majority of councillors on the Downtown Development Committee have already given the proposal their blessing.

The city justifies its contribution to the park by saying it will receive $700,000 in annual admission credits for distribution to lower income families.

But even on that point, the city doesn't know how many free passes it will receive (a city official suggests between 22,000 and 25,000), how it's going to hand them out, and how it's going to ensure "Winnipeg water park passes" doesn't become a top search item on Kijiji.

Last week an official even floated the possibility of the city somehow using a portion of its $700,000 credit to hire lifeguards to work at the private water park.

Don't ask me to explain how that makes any sense.

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Instead, what's been put before council this month is essentially a grade school note saying: "Do you love water parks? Check yes or no."

Look, I'm not hating on the idea of a water park. They're fun, they're cool, and, selfishly, my own son will soon be entering the prime years of his water-sliding career. He'd love a place like that.

But city council needs to make decisions about land sales and multimillion dollar grants based on actual information, not just on what's cool and fun.

Councillors and citizens both deserve to know more before we dive much deeper into this idea.

One of the other big water park questions is whether it makes aesthetic sense to build one right across the street from the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

Surely that will be a popular conversation topic during Winnipeg's first Architecture & Design Film Festival, which kicks off this Wednesday evening with a screening of the fantastic documentary Urbanized at the Winnipeg Art Gallery.

The festival includes eight films in total, and runs until Saturday.

See adff.ca for more details.

Harlistas wave the flag

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Straw at attention

Cubans celebrate Harley Davidson

Bikers participate in a competition to place a single straw in a row of bottles during Cuba's first national gathering in honour of the Harley Davidson motorcycle Saturday.

Cuban "hog" owners and enthusiasts gathered over the weekend in the tourist resort city of Varadero.

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Motorcycle mambo

Keeping 'hogs' on the street

Yaismer Escalona works on a Harley Davidson in Havana Friday.

Cuba's "Harlistas" are just as passionate as their American counterparts, but like the owners of rumbling 1950s Detroit classic cars that still prowl the streets of Havana, vintage Harley fans have had to get creative to keep their bikes road-worthy.

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35% SOMEWHAT. I'VE HAD TO CUT BACK A BIT.

15% YES. HEAVILY.

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Welcome to our tour of #Winnipeg! So ya know, in the summer &fall it's cold. In the winter it's very cold. In the Spring there's no hockey.

@AdhdCanuck
Wouldnt the #winnipeg #jets be the most Canadian thing in the world if their logo was of an #avroarrow instead of a CF18 Hornet?

@jennjachetta
The bar scene is so overrated. I'm 18 years old and I'm already sick of almost every club in Winnipeg.

@lorrendo Lorenzo needs a Juliet. You can be that Juliet.

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Adele: "I set fire to the rain!" Spongebob: "LOL, bitch please. I make campfires underwater." ;)

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Box office

Fans still hungry for Games

Movie fans have chosen real violence over the slapstick variety as The Hunger Games held off The Three Stooges to remain the No. 1 weekend movie. Lionsgate's The Hunger Games, the blockbuster about teens competing in a televised fight to the death, stayed on top for a fourth-straight weekend with $21.5 million. That raises the film's domestic total to $337.1 million. Peter and Bobby Farrelly's slapstick update The Three Stooges opened in second place with $17.1 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. That was well above industry expectations of around $10 million for the 20th Century Fox update starring Chris Diamantopoulos as Moe, Sean Hayes as Larry and Will Sasso as Curly. Fox executives had figured the movie would appeal mainly to young males. But it also pulled in older men who grew up on the Stooges. The acclaimed horror tale The Cabin in the Woods debuted in third place with $14.9 million. A smart, twisting take on the genre produced and co-written by Joss Whedon (Buffy the Vampire Slayer), the long-delayed Cabin in the Woods had been one of the films caught up in MGM's bankruptcy but was finally released by Lionsgate.

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On the web

Ronnie Wood, members of The Faces donate band biography to newly opened Rock Hall archives

When board meets screen

Battleship, Milton Bradley's boredom, smiting, peg-in-board naval gazer, is being re-imagined as a $200 million intergalactic ship-sinking blockbuster, with Liam Neeson and Rihanna aboard. If Battleship floats at the box office, studios will be quick to green light a slew of board-meets-screen adaptation. We delved deep into the attic to dust off some rainy-day classics with the most cinematic potential.

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Hungry Hippos

Elevator pitch: Anaconda Meets The Constant Gardener

Plot: While in Botswana, a World Health Organization scientist accidentally stumbles upon a topical cure for male pattern baldness while milking a hippopotamus on a dare. In an attempt to amplify the affect, the hefty herbivores are shot full of bovine growth hormones, which messes with their eyesight causing them to see human heads as mouth-watering spheres of white chocolate.

Stars: Megan Fox, Danny McBride and Seth Rogen

Connect Four

Elevator pitch: Bob & Carol & Ted & Alice meets Wanderlust

Plot: Two couples meet while on vacation in Tuscany, have too much Pinot grigio one night and end up experimenting in spouse swapping. While their friendship persists, the inebriated dalliance leads to therapy for one duo and a temporary break-up for the other. Will moving into a beach house in Malibu help this criss-crossed foursome pick up the emotional pieces of their scattered hearts?

Stars: Mark Ruffalo, Zooey Deschanel, Dax Sheppard and Kristen Bell

Zooey Deschanel

SVW: Scrabble versus Words with Friends

Elevator Pitch: Freddy vs Jason Meets The Social Network

Plot: A friendly game of Scrabble between a mother and her daughter goes awry after mama scores a bingo with a-b-u-s-i-v-e. Seven letter bonuses are only 35 points in the popular app but 50 points in the board game that inspired it. A generational pissing match ensues, pitting Coke against Coke Zero and convenient store coffee against Starbucks.

Stars: Marissa Tomei, Selena Gomez and Mike Holmes

Channing Tatum

Jenga

Elevator pitch: Armageddon Meets Tetris

Plot: Set in Chicago in the summer of 2035, a trillionaire developer conceives a mega-condominium, quadruple the height of the CN Tower, assembled completely out of prefabricated modular units. Midway through construction the city is rocked by a 9.0 earthquake. A brave crew of super-crane operators from the army corp of engineers scramble to save the building from toppling by hoisting up the precariously balanced units and finding a new perch for them on the top.

Stars: Tim Allen, Channing Tatum and Mike Holmes

Trivial Pursuit

Elevator Pitch: Saw meets Jeopardy

Plot: After a producer gets canned from the game-show network, he turns into a psychopath and begins pursuing former quiz show contestants. When he captures them he toys with them by forcing his victims to answer moderately difficult trivial questions like who won the World Series in 1994? If they know the answer he lets them off with just a wedgie. But if they get it wrong, then it's game over.

Stars: Alex Trebek and Justin Bieber

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Brad finally puts a ring on it

After six children and seven years together, Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie are engaged to be married, a rep for Pitt confirmed in a statement.

"Yes, it's confirmed. It is a promise for the future and their kids are very happy. There's no date set at this time," the rep says.

Pitt reportedly popped the question with a $250,000 ring, according to Us Weekly.

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The Word

Diddy's uninvited house guest

THE WORD
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A 30-year-old man has been arrested for trespassing at Sean "Diddy" Combs' East Hampton mansion, where he reportedly ate the hip-hop mogul's food, drank his liquor, tried on some of his clothes and then slept in his bed, according to TMZ.com.

Quamine Taylor, who reportedly has a history of mental illness, entered the vacant house through an unlocked basement door and was there for 24 hours before tripping an alarm.

But when police and an alarm company representative showed up, Taylor was able to convince them he had permission to be there. It wasn't until a caretaker arrived and called the police back that Taylor was arrested. Combs' rep had no comment.

Poor Quamine. If only someone had tipped him off that Combs' mansion was NOT a Notorious B&B, he wouldn't be in this mess.

ScarJo opens up on 'horrible' divorce

Though she describes her split from ex-husband Ryan Reynolds as "comically amicable," Scarlett Johansson admits she's still reeling from her divorce.

"Of course it's horrible. It was devastating. It really throws you," she tells Vogue. 'You think that your life is going to be one way, and then, for various reasons or whatever, it doesn't work out."

Johansson also acknowledges her post-divorce relationship with Sean Penn for the first time, saying, "We spent time together, yeah. I never put a title on it, really, but we were seeing each other."

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Just had a baby? Now munch on the placenta

Skin-care. More moms, including January Jones, are considering the benefits of their placenta, which many believe reduces the signs of aging and boosts energy levels

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
MWN in London, U.K.

Some mothers from all around the world have consumed their placenta for generations with little fanfare. Some say it's part of the natural process of giving birth that brings mother and child closer, others say it helps balance out hormones and fights postpartum depression, while some use it to fight aging.

But it was January Jones who made after-birth such a hot topic when she admitted that eating hers, post-baby, helped her get camera ready weeks after the delivery. And it's now not just consuming your own placenta for the benefits: beauty products are popping up with placenta as its main ingredient.

But some skin-care experts, such as Madonna's facialist, Michelle Peck, is skeptical.

"I'm not saying I'll never try placenta pills, I just need more convincing. I'd like to see more concise information to back the health claims," she says.

Mark Kristal, a behavioural neuroscientist at the University of Buffalo, agrees.

"Even though there are benefits to mammalian mothers that eat placenta at delivery, there is no scientific evidence that there are any benefits to humans."

He goes on to point out that all of the gushing reports about the benefits of placenta use have been based on anecdotes.

"I wouldn't recommend women take placenta pills, but that doesn't mean that at some time in the future, beneficial components might not be extracted or synthesized and administered medicinally," he adds.

Either way, the trend is picking up steam, and it's up to each mother to decide what's best for them.

January Jones: Could placenta pills help you look like this? GETTY IMAGES

Yay or Nay

YES

PILLS: If you're curious about taking it orally, you won't have to worry about weird side-effects. "It causes no allergic reactions or fatalities in mothers," says New York-based skin-care expert Carole Burns. "The only women who aren't good candidates are those with hepatitis A,B, or C and HIV/Aids."

FACIALS: "You can take the dried powder and place it into a gentle base such as pure olive oil and put it on your skin. It's good for skin conditions such as eczema," says Jodie Selander, founder of PlacentaBenefits.info. Meanwhile, those who have tried the placenta facials offered in spas claim that the treatment hydrates skin, reduces sun damage and leaves skin glowing. Jennifer Lopez, is rumoured to be a big fan.

HAIR CAPSULES: It's packed with protein, which repairs damage from heat, colour and perms.

PLACENTA PILLS, FACIALS AND HAIR CAPSULES

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
MWN in London, U.K.

NO

PILLS: You have to have a baby to try them. Once removed after the birth, the placenta is then cleaned, cooked, dehydrated and made into capsules that mothers are required to take daily or anytime they're feeling run down. So you're basically eating your after-birth, which is a skeevy thought. Plus, the medical world isn't sure about the results yet.

FACIALS: Did we mention that the placenta in those spa facials comes from sheep?

HAIR CAPSULES: The after-birth is taken from sheep, pigs and ox, which could make for a creepy thought the next time you're slathering on the hair treatment in the middle of your bath.

Parenting

Kid on a leash?

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Since having kids, I've been freaked out by traffic. Parking lots, busy streets, even driveways have become safety hazards for me when I'm out with my children.

When each boy started nursery school, they developed an insatiable appetite for freedom. The preferred destination? Parking lots. I remember picking up my eldest, now nine, from school and within seconds of leaving the building, he'd be heading straight into the carpool lane. Needless to say, the vice-grip-handhold became de rigueur. It was a phase he eventually grew out of — but not before teaching his younger brother exactly how it was done.

And so, by the time my second son, now 7, started nursery, he too hit the streets whenever possible. But with him, I was prepared. My quick-draw-McGraw reflex to grab him surprised even myself. But what was I going to do? Use a leash? No way. I'd seen those parents. The relaxed ones. The ones walking through malls, airports, even parks, while their little ones meandered happily. On their leashes. I couldn't help but stare. And judge. These were children, not pets.

And then my 3 year old discovered the joys of the open roads. A few weeks ago he disappeared. My husband and I had taken separate cars to a party. My son insisted on going home with his daddy, so I left. Moments later my man called, asking me if I'd taken our youngest son home. Luckily, the mad dasher was found by a lovely woman.

I'm now reconsidering my view on the leash.

3 LIFE

Girl power

Girl Guides set to gain various skills

Chocolate and vanilla sandwich cookies are on the menu as Girl Guides head out on their semi-annual selling spree. Girl Guide Cookies is the largest "girl-run" business in the country, Girl Guides of Canada said in a release. Each year more than 70,000 Girl Guides, from five-year-old Sparks to 18-year-old Rangers, gain financial literacy and business skills from selling cookies. Last year, members sold more than 112 million cookies, or 5,345,652 million boxes. "Each box of cookies sold supports dynamic Girl Guide programs and activities that encourage girls to develop their leadership potential, use their talents and push their boundaries while fostering their self-esteem," the organization said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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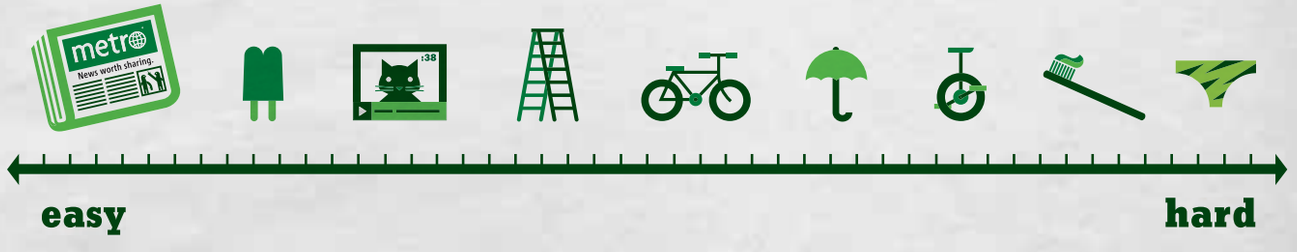

Smaller power grid, surer power

Go smarter, go smaller. The future is now with the advent of microgrids that will replace aging infrastructure

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One of the biggest problems facing our current electrical grid is its sheer size. Continent-spanning transmission grids require huge amounts of aging infrastructure, and waste eight per cent of all electrical power just moving it from one place to another.

The brilliant and imminent solution? Go smarter — and smaller.

"The whole idea of smart microgrids basically came to the fore when the utilities started looking at the possibility of overhauling their systems with new technologies and approaches," says Dr. Hassan Farhangi, director of the Group for Advanced Information Technologies at the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT).

Numbers

67%

Amount of energy wasted as heat when carbon-based fuel is converted into electricity at a conventional power plant.

"One of the most important aspects of microgrids is service surety. You have a level of reliability that is unprecedented."

A smart microgrid is small and self-contained. It can include its own generation capacity — solar or wind, most likely. While it is connected to the larger grid, it will — in the near future — be able to function on its own.

"BCIT has a large campus in Burnaby with over 60 buildings," Farhangi says. "For the last five years, we have worked to convert this campus into a smart microgrid. The skeleton of a smart microgrid is already operating on campus."

The work is still in progress. BCIT consumes six megawatts annually, and is presently producing less than one. But all the technology needed to take this forward already exists.

"Microgrids are really a convergence of information technology, communications technology and power systems. These existing technologies need to be re-engineered and repurposed for application within a microgrid."

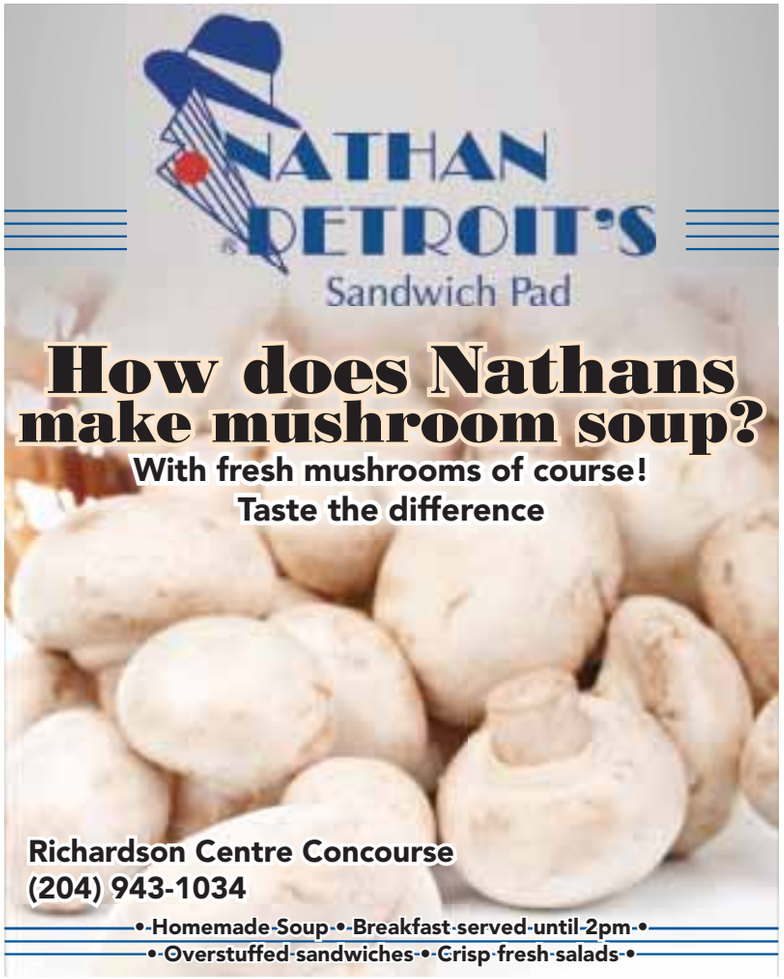
The potential savings are impressive. Farhangi notes that, in a conventional fossil-fuel generating plant, only 33 per cent of the available energy is actually converted into electricity. In a vastly smaller microgrid, this lost heat can be captured.

"Like any electrical system, microgrids are not immune from the well-known faults that you can have," he explains. "But the beauty of this is that any fault that happens is contained locally, and does not contribute to a domino-style of catastrophe across the entire system. If something happens, it's local and you deal with it locally."

For now, this is mostly in the future. But it's a future that will be arriving soon.

"Microgrids are up and coming," Farhangi says. "And investment across the country will be growing."

For more information of smaller power grids, check out smart-microgrid.ca. ISTOCK PHOTOS



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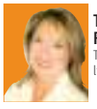
A Hollywood legend on surviving constant change

Debbie Reynolds.
At 80, she's learned something about getting the most out of life at any age



THE IN-CREDIBILITY FACTOR
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Debbie Reynolds' career as an actress and singer has spanned six successful decades. Now as she turns 80 she is still entertaining and will be coming to Toronto on May 3rd to be the guest speaker at the March of Dimes Ability and Beyond Gala. As she looks back on her life and career, she says resiliency and being able to adapt are keys to long-term success.

"I think I am most proud of my ability to survive and live through each changing decade."

"America's Sweetheart" burst onto the Hollywood scene in the 1950's after leading roles in the musicals Singing in the Rain and Tammy and the Bachelor. As her star rapidly climbed in Hollywood, her marriage to singer Eddie Fisher famously dissolved after he fell in love with Elizabeth Taylor. Two more marriages over the years would end, leaving her in financial ruin.

"I constantly had to adapt, have patience and love to get through each challenging era and to maintain my sanity!"

She also took care of her family members as they aged and grew ill.

"My grandmother and grandfather lived with us and when I was 14, my mother started getting ill, having seizures and heart trouble, so I began to take care of her. I looked after my mother-in-law until she was 97 and my drama coach until 96. If people can stay in their own familiar, loving surroundings, they do much better than if they're feeling abandoned. And that is what March of Dimes does for the people it serves; it helps care for people, and keeps them in their homes. On May 3rd we'll share our experiences and our happiness, our trials, our tribulations and be together for that moment in life, and I think we'll all come out better and we'll have a wonderful time."

Long career

- **Three stars** on the Hollywood Walk of Fame
- **1965** Best actress Oscar nomination for The Unsinkable Molly Brown
- **1974** Actors Fund Award for outstanding performance in Irene
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Reynolds' marriage to singer Eddie Fisher was famously ended by his affair with Elizabeth Taylor, left. ASSOCIATED PRESS/FILE

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SPORTS

Rangers-Senators

Shanahan hands out bans after wild Game 2

Rangers forward Carl Hagelin was suspended for three games by the NHL on Sunday for elbowing Ottawa Senators captain Daniel Alfredsson in the head during New York's loss in Game 2 of the first-round Eastern Conference series. Hagelin apologized earlier Sunday, after a telephone hearing with NHL disciplinarian Brendan Shanahan, and hoped to avoid punishment beyond the major penalty he served Saturday night. But instead, he will miss the next three games of the best-of-seven series. The Senators didn't escape unscathed, either, as defenceman Matt Carkner was given a one-game suspension Sunday for his role in a one-sided fight he started against Rangers forward Brian Boyle just 2:15 into Game 2. Carkner was given a major penalty for fighting, and was ejected.
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On the web

The Roger Clemens perjury trial is set to return to court Monday, nine months after prosecutors made a gaffe that led to a mistrial. U.S. Judge Reggie Walton said it was a mistake even a "first-year law student" wouldn't make. Scan the code for the story.

Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby squares off with Kimmo Timonen in Philadelphia on Sunday. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Flyers grab Pens by scruff of the neck

NHL. Briere, Read, Talbot each score twice as Philly puts Pittsburgh on brink of elimination

Fists were flying faster than shots on goal. Sidney Crosby and Claude Giroux even became knotted in the pushing and shoving, a pair of stars willing to mix it up to prove which team was the baddest on the ice and the scoreboard.

The Penguins and Flyers talked trash, laid the smack down, and played one wildly entertaining game. The result was still the same. The Flyers rallied from another early deficit for a Game 3 win that put them on the brink of a sweep.

Game 3

8	4
Flyers	Penguins

Danny Briere, Matt Read and Max Talbot each scored twice to lead Philadelphia to an 8-4 win over Pittsburgh on Sunday.

Giroux and Wayne Simmonds also scored to help the Flyers take a 3-0 lead in the combustible best-of-seven series. Game 4 is Wednesday in Philadelphia. The Flyers scored 20 goals in the first three games.

"Our goal is to finish it right away," Briere said.

Quoted

"You can make a story all you want about us getting frustrated. They're doing the same things we are. It's intense."

Penguins captain Sidney Crosby, insisting his team isn't getting rattled in the physical series.

The goals might be hard to find on a highlight reel. Three players were tossed in the first period. There was a rare fight between superstars when Crosby squared off against Giroux.

No one got the better end of that scrap. But by the end, Flyers fans serenaded the Penguins with chants of "you can't beat us!"

"All three games were kind of weird games," Giroux said. "I guess I like weird games because we always finish by winning."

Jordan Staal and James Neal scored twice for the Penguins. Marc-Andre Fleury was benched after allowing six goals in two periods. He has allowed a whopping 17 goals through Game 3. Coach Dan Bylsma said Fleury would start, "the next four games."

Hard to imagine at this rate, especially with NHL scoring leader Evgeni Malkin yet to score a goal for the Penguins.
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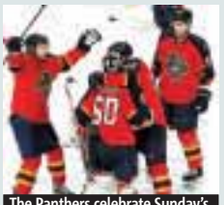
NHL

Florida finally gets taste of playoff success

Stephen Weiss scored the first two playoff goals of his 10-year NHL career, Jose Theodore stopped 23 shots and the Florida Panthers got their first playoff victory in nearly 15 years, beating the New Jersey Devils 4-2 on Sunday night to even the first-round series at a game apiece.

Marcel Goc had a goal and an assist for the Panthers, who survived a frantic Devils rally in the third. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



The Panthers celebrate Sunday's win. JOEL AUERBACH/GETTY IMAGES

NBA

Heat handle Knicks in Big Apple

The Miami Heat finally came to Madison Square Garden, a sea of orange surrounding them in what looked like a playoff game.

LeBron James had 29 points and 10 rebounds, Dwyane Wade added 28 points and nine boards, and the Heat overcame Carmelo Anthony's 42 points to beat the New York Knicks 93-85 on Sunday to clinch the Southeast Division title.

The Heat's lone game in New York came with the compressed regular season coming to a close — and with the chance they'll be back to face the Knicks for the playoffs soon.
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Weber's goal silences Red Wings faithful

Drew Miller runs into goalie Pekka Rinne, Sunday, in Detroit.
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Shea Weber knew he wouldn't be popular in the Motor City.

The star defenceman didn't really care, he just wanted to win.

Weber turned boos into silence with a goal early in the first period and the Nashville Predators held on to beat the Detroit Red Wings 3-2 Sunday to take a 2-1 lead in the first-round series.

"I guess we're more focused on the game," he said.

Weber was jeered every time he touched the puck for smashing Henrik Zetterberg's face into glass at the end of Game 1.

Game 3

3	2
Predators	Red Wings

"We talk about great players when there's a little bit of controversy stepping up," Nashville coach Barry Trotz said. "When he came to the rink, he knew he wasn't going to be the most likable player in the arena."

Weber's goal snapped Nashville's 0-for-12 streak on the power play against the Red Wings in the series and helped the franchise end its 0-for-6 skid in playoff games against them on the road.

The Predators, who are in their 13th NHL season, advanced in the playoffs last year for the first time and are trying to get past the Red Wings after being eliminated by them in 2008 and 2004.

Just when it looked like the Red Wings were finished off for sure in Game 3, Zetterberg scored with 54 seconds left to pull the Red Wings within one, but they couldn't force overtime.
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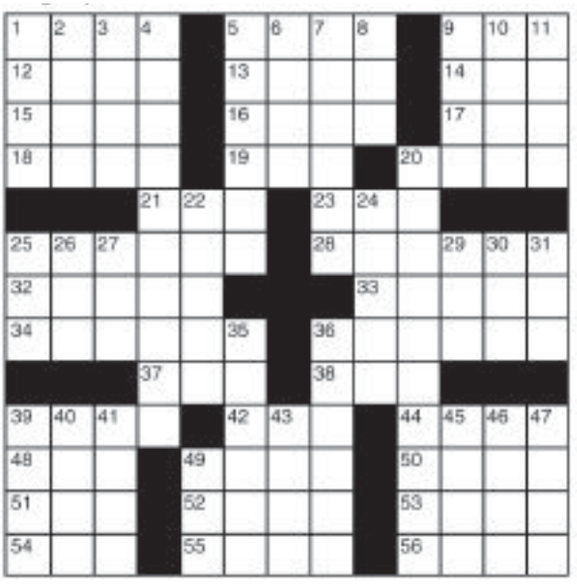
Crossword

Across

1 Tobacco plug
5 Pumps up the volume
9 DIY buy
12 Stereo hookup
13 Gambling game
14 Account acronym
15 Astronaut Shepard
16 Dingy
17 Victory
18 "L'Etoile du —" (Minnesota motto)
19 Attention getter
20 Carlton of baseball
21 Afternoon affair
23 Ostrich's cousin
25 Investor's hope
28 Arouse bitterness
32 Expiate
33 Norma Rae's group
34 From that place
36 Boulevard
37 Greek H
38 Moray
39 Earth
42 Paving material
44 Food starch, for short
48 Possess
49 Grand-scale
50 Pavarotti offering
51 3 on the phone
52 Part of Q.E.D.
53 Benevolent
54 Big bother
55 Phoenician port city
56 Advantage

Down

1 Earl Derr Biggers sleuth
2 Hawaiian city
3 Distant
4 Air-flow channel
5 Hound type
6 Stallion's companion
7 Orison
8 Sauce source
9 Fuzzy fruit
10 Eye part
11 Cistern
20 Batter treat
22 Upright
24 Shade of purple
25 Snitch
26 Biblical verb suffix
27 Pirouette pivot
29 Reunion group
30 Costello or Ferrigno
31 Away from WSW
35 Diner
36 Make bubbly
39 Six-pack, often
40 Yet to be paid
41 Data
43 Culture medium
45 Saharan
46 Pugilism venue
47 Commanded
49 Encountered



Sudoku

		3				6		
		5	2		7	3		
6				4				9
	3	7	4		2	5	1	
	2	8	6		9	7	3	
3				9				8
		9	8		1	2		
		6				1		

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play
This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

XSI ZWMBJ MX IKMBK ZDEP BDXR YUJS U OSHUIUC HKPDEOK U ZMPSLWUBS ZPUYS: "HKS OPUHS SRBULS."

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: MUSICAL MARCH THAT COMMEMORATES SAILORS AND FOODSTUFF FROM SHEEP: "TARS AND TRIPES FOREVER."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals H

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
MAX: 3° MIN: -4°	MAX: 11° MIN: 1°	MAX: 7° MIN: 1°

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. You will be remarkably fired up this week. Both in your personal life and in your work you will be energetic and enthusiastic.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. You favor routines and methods you feel comfortable with but you will need to be a bit more adventurous over the next few days.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. This should be a really fun time for you, especially if you are ready to take a few risks in your private life.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. No one works harder than you, but are you working for yourself or are you working for other people?

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. You enjoy taking risks, it gives you a buzz, and with mind planet Mercury moving in your favor today you will be looking round for new ways to push the envelope.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. You need to be a bit more assertive when dealing with family issues and financial matters.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Anyone who annoys you this coming week is likely to find themselves on the receiving end of a tongue-lashing.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. If you see an opportunity today you must seize it immediately.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. You're in a dynamic mood at the moment and you really don't care whose toes you tread on.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Something unexpected will happen today, something you did not plan for.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. Don't let anyone persuade you to abandon the path you have chosen to take.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. You are very much on the ball at the moment and determined to make every minute count.

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"Whoa i gotta get my eyes checked! There's no way i should have missed that one!"
Brian

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